228 Lancewood Road Columbia, SC 29210 March 19, 2010

SC Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Docket Number 2009-489-E

We implore you to deny SCE&G another rate increase. They should be <u>ashamed</u> to request another rate hike with our country in the economical situation in which we are faced with each day. People are out of work, many of those persons employed did not get a raise this year, and that includes people receiving social security. Gas prices are very high, food has gone up, insurance premiums have increased, and we have experienced an unusually cold winter.

SCE&G should also be <u>ashamed</u> to request another rate hike when, as printed in <u>The State</u> on Sunday, March 14, the boss of SCE&G's parent, SCANA, Bill Timmerman, got a stock award that could be worth up to \$4 million in 2008, essentially raising his compensation by 74 percent over the previous year. That was on top of his pay and bonuses of \$1.75 million.

Add in that SCE&G's 655,000 customers already are paying for ballooning fuel costs for power plants and for a \$77 million rate hike to cover higher transmission costs that went into effect in 2008, as printed in <u>The State</u>.

Add to all of that is the fact that SCE&G was able to move their corporate headquarters to a new \$142 million campus in Cayce. It seems that SCE&G is not hurting for money.

It is too bad that SCE&G feels that they have to keep their shareholders satisfied with dividends at a cost to their customers. GUESS WHAT!! Millions of shareholders in other companies are not happy with their dividends either, but, welcome to 2010!

As you can read, we are very much opposed to your granting SCE&G another rate increase.

Sincerely,

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